UT-NEDSS UPDATE

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **PROJECT ROADMAP UPDATED**

- **LHD TOUR SCHEDULED**

- **FIRST STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD**

- **ITERATION 1 .1 PRESENTED**

- **NEXT STEPS IDENTIFIED**

CSI SITE VISIT

Collaborative Software Initiative (CSI) conducted their third site visit last week to meet with the UT-NEDSS Steering Committee for the first time and to meet with the UT-NEDSS Core Team. CSI presented the committee members with CSI's software development methodology and the project roadmap. The role of the committee will be to offer perspective, supply necessary resources, provide oversight, ensure accountability , present views and provide feedback for the project.

During the site visit, CSI provided the Core Team with a glimpse of Iteration* 1 , which allows one to enter, view, update and export some of the basic data found in the "Confidential Morbidity Report" (CMR). The Core Team also began to prioritize the features of Iteration 2, which will continue to build the CMR functionality of the UT-NEDSS system.
* See *Glossary* on Page 2.

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The following accomplishments have been made towards the UT-NEDSS initiative since the January 9, 2008 project update:

- The project roadmap was updated and can be viewed by clicking on the following url: http://tinyurl.com/2qkqna (contact Mike Herrick (mike@csinitiative.com) if you need a user name and password to access the collaborative website).

- A local health department (LHD) "tour" was scheduled for February 25-27 (see details below in the *Next Steps* section).

- CSI presented and discussed the progress made towards Iteration 1 with the Core Team.

- The Core Team discussed the scope and priorities of Release 1, which is scheduled to be completed by March 31, 2008.

- The Steering Committee convened for the first time.

NEXT STEPS

The following items are the next steps identified for the UT-NEDSS development:

- CSI will visit six LHDs (CSI would like to visit additional LHDs at a later date) and the Utah Department of Health, February 25-29, to meet with stakeholders and observe business processes. During the tour, CSI developers would like to discuss the UT-NEDSS project and, most importantly, observe relevant work activities. The visits will help familiarize CSI's Development Team with daily public health activities and should help them develop better software.

- Update the project roadmap based upon feedback by Steering Committee members.

- Complete review of Iteration 1.1 and complete development of Iteration 1.1.

- The UT-NEDSS Core Team will complete the business requirement gathering for Release 1 and will continue to refine Iteration 1.1.

- Conduct Iteration 1.2 planning. Iteration 1.2 development will occur February 6-20.

- The UT-NEDSS project site will be upgraded February 3. The upgrade will enhance the project site by improving the collaboration features. Most notably, a wiki* will be added. For more details, click on the following url: http://tinyurl.com/38j3cu.
* See *Glossary* on Page 2.

STAY UPDATED AND KNOW WHERE TO GET INFORMATION

There are several ways to stay updated with and connected to UT-NEDSS project activities, including the following:

- Continue to read the bi-weekly UT-NEDSS project update, which will continue to be provided to stakeholders throughout the duration of the project.

- Visit the project's collaborative website:

https://www.csinitiative.net (please contact Mike Herrick if you cannot access the site.

- Contact David Jackson, the UT-NEDSS Product Manager.

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

The following software development terms will be used regularly in UT-NEDSS updates and discussions:

- **Free and Open Source Software —** Software that is copy written and licensed so that there is no charge to use it and all users have access to the source code that defines the software.

- **Iterations** — A subset of "Release" features that are used to create consistently small-sized units of work that are then taken on by the development team. They are typically much smaller than the size of the overall project. Iterations allow the development team to achieve progress in very short periods of time.

- **Lean and Agile Planning** — A software development methodology that promotes industry best practices that emphasize teamwork, customer involvement and the frequent creation of small, working pieces ("Iterations") of the total system.

- **Releases —** Made up of one or more "Iterations". Releases contain a set of functionality that is useful to users.

- **Wiki —** A website or similar online resource which allows users to add and edit content collectively.